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REFERENCE: DEPARTMENTS 1227 TO MOSCOW, MOSCOW'S TELEGRAM 1588  
AND EMBTEL 4153.

EMBASSY CONCURS IN MOSCOW'S MISGIVINGS REGARDING DESIRABILITY  
OF RAISING QUESTION INSPECTION WITH SOVIETS AT GOVERNMENTAL  
LEVEL THIS TIME WHICH BRITISH ALSO APPEAR INCLINED  
TO QUESTION.

IN ADDITION TO CONSIDERATIONS SET FORTH MOSCOW REFTEL,  
WE BELIEVE THAT DESPITE FACT PROPOSED NOTE HISTORICALLY  
CORRECT IN DETAILING CONSISTENT ADHERENCE TO UNRESTRICTED  
RIGHT OF ACCESS TO BERLIN, STORY AS PORTRAYED IN PROPOSED  
TEXT OF VARIOUS VICISSITUDES OUR MAINTENANCE THIS POSITION  
OVER THE YEARS INEVITABLY PRESENTS LESS THAN CLEAR CUT  
PICTURE AND THUS IMPACT OF NOTE ON WESTERN PUBLIC  
OPINION LIKELY TO BE DIFFUSE. CONSEQUENTLY IF IT  
IS SUBSEQUENTLY DECIDED TO PROCEED ALONG THIS LINE,  
WHICH WE CONCUR SHOULD PREFERABLY AWAIT FURTHER SOVIET  
ACTION, IT IS OUR FEELING THAT A SHORTER NOTE CONFINED  
TO CITING DOCUMENTS AND INSTANCES IN WHICH SOVIETS  
HAVE ACQUIESCED IN OUR POSITION WOULD BE MORE READILY  
UNDERSTANDABLE THAN THE CURRENT DRAFT WHICH ALSO INCLUDES  
RECORD OF SOVIET CHALLENGES TO OUR RIGHTS.

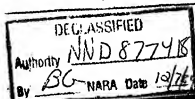
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